

Dear Parent/ Carers,

We have had another brilliant week across the academy.

### **This Week**

This week has been full of exciting opportunities and achievements for our students.

Thank you to our Science team for their fantastic work in getting students involved in the Big Garden Bird Watch. It has been wonderful to see so many young people engaging with nature and contributing to this national project.

Well done to the group of KS4 students who visited Oxford University as part of Debate Mate. They represented the academy brilliantly and gained valuable insight into university life and high-level academic discussion.

Towards the very end of last week, our Year 9 and 10 Hospitality and Catering students took part in a masterclass with Simon Gray from the Food Teachers Centre. Students learned how to fillet, prepare and cook fish, as well as exploring career paths in the food industry and understanding the importance of sustainability. It was an inspiring and highly practical session.

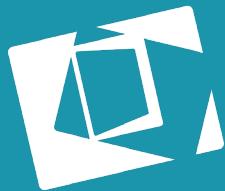
Our Year 11 football team also had an eventful match against Co-op on Monday evening. After going into half time 4-0 down, the team showed real resilience and determination, bringing the score back to 4-4 by full time. The match went to penalties, where they were narrowly beaten, but they should be incredibly proud of their outstanding second-half comeback.

### **Coming up**

Please be aware that Year 10 Parents' Evening is coming up on Tuesday 3rd February. Clubs will be cancelled on this occasion due to staff being involved in the parents evening. This is an important evening to hear about how your child is progressing in their GCSE/ BTEC courses- we look forward to welcoming you.

### **Year 11 Key Dates**

2nd - 6th Feb MFL Speaking Exams  
3rd Feb - MADE Session (Marginal Gains)  
9th - 13th Feb Week 1 of PPE2  
16th - 20th Feb Half Term Revision  
23rd Feb - 6th March Week 2&3 of PPE2  
31st March - Parents Evening (PPE2 Results)  
20th - 24th April MFL Speaking Exams  
22nd - 24th April Art Subjects Exams  
29th April - 1st May Art Subjects Exams  
8th May - 26th June GCSE EXAMS



Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes such a difference to the experiences and achievements of our young people.

Shelter will be holding a drop-in session here at MCA on Thursday 5th February between 9-11am. Call in if you would like to receive advice about any housing related issues including eviction notices, tackling disrepair or if you need help with your Manchester Move application.

If you would like to talk to someone in the meantime, please email [housingsupport@gmatrust.co.uk](mailto:housingsupport@gmatrust.co.uk)

If you have any other matters that you would like to speak to someone from school about, there are a number of different contact points:

- Progress leaders
- Admin team
- Year Team
- Family partnerships.

Our partnership work with parents and families will always remain a key priority so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

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